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RESPONSE

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of December 23, 1999, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on February 23, 2000.

In response to the requirement in the Office Action, the original document of U.S. Letters Patent 5,596,663 is attached hereto for surrender. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VENABLE** 

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